Prevention of Fire Accidents in Multistoreyed Buildings

624. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to Starred Question 372 given in Rajya Sabha on 18-12-92 and state:

(a) what are the facilities available with the Delhi Fire Service for prevention of Fire incidents in various multistoreyed buildings either of the Government or of the private parties in the capital;

(b) whether compartmentalisation and escape routes have not yet been built up in these buildings despite Government assurances;

(c) whether the properties have in the past been damaged on account of fire incidents and no corrective action is still being taken; and

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Delhi Fire Service have reported that the provision of fire protection and means of escape arrangements as per building Bye Laws, 1983 and Delhi Fire prevention & Fire Safety Act, 1986, are being ensured by them with a view to prevent fire accidents. Further, the Delhi Fire Service are having 31 fire stations and different type of appliances and sophisticated equipment considered to be modern fire fighting machines/equipment, to extinguish fire and to carry out rescue operations during fire.

(b) Compartmentalisation and escape routes have been included as essential provisions under building Bye Laws, 1993. In the building constructed prior to 1983, provision of compartmentalisation is an essential requirement and is being ensured in such buildings.

(c) and (d) Delhi Fire Service sealed certain buildings which were considered unsafe, where property was damaged on account of incidents of fire. Only after corrective action was taken by the building occupiers by providing the 12 mandatory fire safety measures, were the buildings desealed.

Project for cleaning and reclamation of Yamuna River

625. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a project for cleaning and partial reclamation of Yamuna river was taken up by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, when the project was mooted and what are the salient features thereof;

(c) what is the achievement made so far in the execution of the plan and what is the estimated expenditure incurred; and

(d) whether any long term/short term strategy has been formulated in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) While a comprehensive project for cleaning and reclamation of Yamuna River has not been taken up by the DDA, preliminary feasibility reports have been prepared from time to time. Latest